

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The numbering system used in the First Office Action response and the Examiner's cover letter for the Final Office Action is used. Because of this numbering system adopted by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, Applicant has amended claim 36 to depend from claim 35 to be consistent with this renumbering system. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 35, 36, and 48, and for the indication that claims 23, 26, 27, 32, 33, 45 and 47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has cancelled claims 22 and 43. Applicant has rewritten claims 23, 26, 27, 32, 33, 45, 47 and 48. Applicant has amended claims 24, 25, 30, 34, 36, 44, and 46. Applicant has added new claims 49-69, all of which depend from allowable claims.

CLOSING

Applicant has cancelled claims 22 and 43. Applicant has rewritten claims 23, 26, 27, 32, 33, 45, 47 and 48. Applicant has amended claims 24, 25, 30, 34, 36, 44, and 46. Applicant has added new claims 49-69. Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for pending claims 23-36 and 44-69. The undersigned welcomes a telephonic interview with the Examiner, if the Examiner believes that such an interview would facilitate resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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